

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the **26th** day of **September, A.D., 2017**, at **9:00 a.m.**, there came on and was held a **Regular Called Meeting** of the **Honorable Commissioners' Court** of **Refugio County, Texas**, at the **Courthouse** in the **Town of Refugio**, with the following members present.

Honorable County Judge, Robert E. Blaschke,
Honorable Ann Lopez, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
Honorable David Vega, Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
Honorable Gary Bourland, Commissioner Precinct No. 3,
Honorable Rodrigo Bernal, Commissioner Precinct No. 4,
and Honorable Ida Ramirez, County Clerk and
Ex Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court,

when the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

I. Call to Order

A. Invocation

Prayer was led by **Commissioner Bourland**.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Peyton Levien, Refugio County 4-H queen recited these words before leading the

Pledge of Allegiance: "Let us stand tall and proud

these stars and stripes are our dreams and our labors

in these unsettled times let us pledge our allegiance to our

American flag with new hope."

II. Public Participation

Commissioner Bourland gave a progress report to the court from Joe Rose on Casey Henderson, a student at Refugio High School football player that was injured at a football game in Edna.

III. Special Presentations/Recognition/Announcements/Reports

A. Consider Proclamation 2017-P-04 designating October 1-7, 2017 as National 4-H Week.

Candace Moeller, Refugio County Extension agent reported on the National 4-H week and asked for the Refugio County 4-H ambassadors to introduce themselves to the Court.

Judge Blaschke read the Proclamation 2017-P-04 designating October 1-7, 2017 as National 4-H Week.

Moved by **Commissioner Bourland**

and seconded by **Commissioner Vega**

to approve Proclamation 2017-P-04 designating October 1-7, 2017 as National 4-H Week.

The vote was **unanimous**.

IV. Consent Agenda - Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A. August 2, 2017
- B. August 8, 2017
- C. August 22, 2017
- D. August 23, 2017
- E. August 28, 2017
- F. August 28, 2017

Moved by **Commissioner Lopez**
and seconded by **Commissioner Bourland**
to approve the minutes of previous meetings with grammatical corrections.

V. Financial Agenda

- A. Treasurer
 - 1. Monthly Financial Report per Local Government Code 114.026

Moved by **Commissioner Bernal**
and seconded by **Commissioner Vega**
to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report per Local Government Code 114.026.
The vote was **unanimous**.

- B. Line Item Transfers
 - No Items

- C. Budget Amendments
 - No Items

- D. Auditor Reports per Local Government Code 114.024
 - 1. Examine and approve accounts

Moved by **Commissioner Bourland**
and seconded by **Commissioner Bernal**
to approve and pays bills in the amount of \$129,653.70.
The vote was **unanimous**.

- 2. Consider approving monthly financial report

Moved by **Commissioner Bernal**
and seconded by **Commissioner Vega**
to approve the monthly financial report.
The vote was **unanimous**.

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to approve the monthly financial report.
The vote was **unanimous**.

3. Consider approving Lateral Road and Road & Bridge Special Report

Moved by Commissioner Bourland
and seconded by Commissioner Bernal
to approve the Lateral Road and Road & Bridge Special Report.
The vote was **unanimous**.

E. Revenue Certification
No Items

VI. Monthly Fee Reports

- A. Acknowledge receipt of the following county office's monthly reports to the Commissioner's Court per Local Government Code 114.044:
1. County Clerk
 2. District Clerk
 3. Justice of the Peace
 - a. #1
 - b. #2
 4. Sheriff's Office
 5. Tax Assessor-Collector

The court acknowledged receipts of the following county office's monthly reports to the Commissioner's Court per Local Government Code 114.044:

2. District Clerk
3. Justice of the Peace
 - a. #1
 - b. #2
4. Sheriff's Office
5. Tax Assessor-Collector

The County Clerk's was not included in the monthly reports, due to Computer network issues.

VII. Personnel

A. Personnel information items only:

1. Acknowledge employment of Jason Fierova as a Correctional Officer for the Sheriff's Dept., effective September 11, 2017, at a salary of \$37,478.00 per year.

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VIII. General

A. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding status of County operations after Hurricane Harvey.

Judge Blaschke reviewed with the county officials present the status of County operations. Judge shared a general summary of the courthouse from Tanya Salgado, a representative from the Historical Commission of Austin and an architect who announced the courthouse is safe and functional and will work to make temporary repairs and long term some help from the Federal Government.

Judge announced that he would like to continue this item to be kept on the agenda.

B. Discuss and take any necessary action on the process to capture and report Hurricane Harvey related costs and expenses being coordinated by County Auditor's Office for submittal to Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for reimbursement.

Margie Moeller, County Auditor reported on cost and expenses on Hurricane Harvey. This item will continue to be kept on the further agendas.

Commissioner Lopez commended County Judge for the leadership, Margie Moeller and Rita Trojcek for their hard work during the Hurricane. Commissioner Bourland also commended Deb Bauer and her secretary Tiffany Perez.

Judge asked to keep this item on the agenda for forcible future managing process.

C. Discuss and take any necessary action on Refugio County staging a 40' Storage Container (CONEX Box) to store collected/donated items during Hurricane Harvey disaster relief at the Refugio County Fairgrounds until all items have been dispensed or relocated.

Deb Bauer, County Attorney, was present to answer questions on the container to store collected/donated items during Hurricane Harvey disaster relief. Items will be shipped and stored in a state distribution warehouse in Austin until December, when it will be distributed around Christmas Time.

D. Discuss and take any necessary action on Garner Environmental Services, Inc. contract.

Moved by **Commissioner Bourland**

and seconded by **Commissioner Lopez**

to allow the Judge Blaschke to contract with Garner Environmental Services, Inc. and make effective date as of August 23, 2017, with Garner Environmental Services, Inc.

The vote was **unanimous**.

E. Discuss and take any necessary action on a contract with the Virtus Group, the preferred contractor with the TAC Risk Pool, for the purpose of emergency services and repair of county buildings as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

Moved by **Commissioner Lopez**

and seconded by **Commissioner Bourland**

to approve for the Judge Blaschke to be signatory with the Virtus Group, the preferred contractor with the TAX Risk Pool, for the purpose of emergency services and repair of county buildings as a result of Hurricane Harvey to be effective August 25, 2017.

The vote was **unanimous**.

F. Consider Order 2017-O-09 adopting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Moved by **Judge Blaschke**

and seconded by **Commissioner Lopez**

to approve Order 2017-O-09 adopting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 at a tax rate increase of \$0.7900 per \$100 which is effectively 0.87 percent increase in tax rate.

The vote was **unanimous**.

G. Discuss and take any necessary action on Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees as required for the 2018 Fee Report.

Moved by **Commissioner Bernal**

and seconded by **Commissioner Lopez**

to approve the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees for the 2018 Fee Report and taking out the Law Library Fee of \$20.00 out.

The vote was **unanimous**.

H. Consider Order 2017-O-10 approving Salary Schedule effective October 1, 2017.

Moved by **Commissioner Bourland**

and seconded by **Commissioner Bernal**

to approve Order 2017-O-10 approving the Salary Schedule effective October 1, 2017.

The vote was **unanimous**.

- I. Discuss the status of the TxDOT TIF road projects in Refugio County.

Commissioners discussed the TxDOT TIF road projects in Refugio County.

- J. Discuss and take any necessary action on Personnel Policy Manual Section 5.02.4 and 5.02.6 to clarify the Court's intentions on calculating the time for the Official Closed Days and Time Worked.

This item was for discussion only, there was no change or action.

- K. Discuss and take any necessary action on possible one time compensation for part time hourly employees during Hurricane Harvey for the September 15, 2017 pay period.

Moved by **Commissioner Bourland**
and seconded by **Commissioner Lopez**
to take action and compensate one time for part time hourly employees during Hurricane Harvey for September 15, 2017 pay period as scheduled per County Judges schedule
The vote was **unanimous**.

- L. Discuss and take any necessary action on Order 2017-O-11 establishing the terms of Court meetings for the Refugio County Commissioners' Court.

Moved by **Commissioner Bourland**
and seconded by **Commissioner Lopez**
to approve Order 2017-O-11 establishing the terms of Court meetings for the Refugio County Commissioners' Court.
The vote was **unanimous**.

- M. Discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Tina McGuill County Librarian to submit an application for the "Rebuilding Texas Libraries" disaster relief grant.

Tina McGuill, County Librarian was present to answer any questions.

Moved by **Judge Blaschke**
and seconded by **Commissioner Bernal**
to approve the request from Tina McGuill, County Librarian to submit an application for the "Rebuilding Texas Libraries" disaster relief grant.
The vote was **unanimous**.

N. Discuss and take any necessary action on Resolution 2017-R-10 nominating Ida M. Turner to the Refugio County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Moved by Commissioner Bernal
and seconded by Commissioner Lopez
to approve Resolution 2017-R-10 nominating Ida M. Turner to the Refugio County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
The vote was **unanimous**.

IX. **Purchasing**
No Items

X. **Closed Meeting**
No Items

XI. **Adjournment**

Moved by Commissioner Bourland
and seconded by Commissioner Lopez
to adjourn meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.